

Concordia Stingers

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San Diego Chargers draft Mark Montreuil

Mark Montreuil - #5

6'2", 188 pounds

Cornerback

3rd-year Urban Studies Student

Dollard des Ormeaux, Que.



Mark Montreuil, a third-year cornerback with the Concordia Stingers, was drafted in the seventh and final round (237th overall) of the National Football League College Draft by the American Football Conference champion San Diego Chargers yesterday in New York.

He is expected to report to San Diego on Thursday. Montreuil will begin working with the team immediately. The Chargers plan to turn the 24-year-old Dollard des Ormeaux native into a safety. The Stinger standout is expected to receive quite a greeting upon his arrival in California. It's been a bit of a tradition for San Diego to take a risk on a lesser-known athlete from an unusual football market and this tradition is always met with enthusiasm by the local press.

Montreuil's achievement was also greeted with much enthusiasm when word of San Diego's pick reached Concordia. "We're very happy for Mark," said Director of Recreation and Athletics Harry Zarins. "It is certainly a proud moment for the Concordia Stinger football program. Hopefully, Mark will be the first of many."

Montreuil becomes the first player from the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference to be drafted by an NFL team since lineman Mike Schad of the Queen's Golden Gaels was selected by the Los Angeles Rams in 1986. Schad was the 22nd player chosen in the first round.

Montreuil was also the third pick overall in the annual Canadian Football League college draft held in Saskatoon, Sask., in March. His Canadian rights belong to the Toronto Argonauts.

What makes Montreuil such a hot prospect is his speed. At Concordia's football camp in August of 1994, he ran a 4.29 40-yard dash. At the CFL evaluation camp in Winnipeg last February, Montreuil was clocked at 4.36, which was the fastest time recorded at the camp. Approximately 75 of the top Canadian prospects participated.

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